

Checklist for Interdisciplinary Review of Categorical Exclusions

Document Title: Hardscrabble Wash Allotment Transfer	
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Critical Elements & Other Issues	Specialist	Affected		Comments		Document Review Signature	Date
		Yes	No	Yes	No		
1. NRHPP/Cultural	Dan McGrew		✓		✓	<u>Dan McGrew</u>	7/30/15
2. T&E Species	Jeff Conn		✓		✓	<u>Jeff Conn</u>	8/31/15
3. Floodplains/Wetlands	Jason Martin		✓		✓	<u>Jason Martin</u>	9/2/15
4. Invasive Species	Jason Martin		✓		✓	<u>Jason Martin</u>	9/2/15
5. NEPA Map	Sharisse Fisher		✓		✓	<u>Sharisse Fisher</u>	12/1/15

Attachments: _____

Planning and Environmental Coordinator: Amy Corathers Date: 1/27/16

Aw U L A Date: 1/29/16
 Assistant Field Manager – Reviewed/Recommended

NEPA COMPLIANCE RECORD
CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (CX)
Safford Field Office

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Serial/Case File No. Hardscrabble Wash (#06110) Transfer

Proposed Action Title/Type: The Proposed action is the transfer of grazing preference on the Hardscrabble Wash Allotment.

Location of Proposed Action (include name of 7.5 topographic map): The Hardscrabble Wash Allotment is located in Navajo County approximately 18 miles north of St. Johns, Arizona. This area is covered by Cedar Lake Wash USGS Quadrangle 7.5 Minute Map. See Attached Map.

Description of Proposed Action: Transfer the existing grazing preference from the current permittee (Troy and Tim Kreutzer) to Cy and Brooke White.

Applicant (if any): Cy and Brooke White

PART I: PLAN CONFORMANCE REVIEW. This proposed action is subject to the following land use plan: Safford District Resource Management Plan (RMP) and Records of Decision approved September 1992 and July 1994.

The proposed action has been reviewed and determined to be in conformance with this plan [43 CFR 1610.5, BLM MS 1601.04(C)(2)].


Specialist Signature

6/1/15
Date

PROGRAM CONSULTATION & COORDINATION/CX CHECKLIST
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PART II: CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW

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ASSIGNMENT AND REVIEW

Subactivity: _____
Case/Project No.: 06110

Project Name: Hardscrabble Wash Allotment Transfer

Location (legal description): T16N., R.28E. Sec. 28

NLCS Unit: _____

Quad Name: Cedar Lake Wash

Project Lead: Jason S. Martin

Draft Review: Unit Manager/Supervisor: _____ Date: _____

Technical Review:

Applies? Yes No	NAME	EXCEPTION	SIGNATURE	DATE
() (X)	R.J. Estes	(1) Have Significant adverse effects on public health or safety?	<i>RJ</i>	9/1/15
() (X)	Jason Martin	(2) Have adverse effects on such unique geographic characteristics as principal drinking water aquifers, or wetlands.	<i>JSM</i>	9/2/15
() (X)	NA <i>Todd Mardock</i>	(3) Have adverse effects on such unique geographic characteristics as parks, recreation or refuge lands, wilderness areas, wild or scenic rivers, or ecologically significant or critical areas including those listed on the Department's National Register of Natural Landmarks.	<i>Todd Mardock</i>	9/11/15
() (X)	Dan McGrew	(4) Have adverse effects on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, on such unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources. Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment. Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners.	<i>Dan McGrew</i>	30 July 2015
() (X)	Jeff Conn	(5) Have adverse effects on species listed on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have adverse effects on designated Critical Habitat for these species.	<i>JConn</i>	8/31/15
() (X)	Jeff Conn	(6) Contribute to the introduction, continuation existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species.	<i>JConn</i>	8/31/15
() (X)	Jason Martin	(7) Have highly controversial environmental effects	<i>JSM</i>	9/2/15
() (X)	JASON <i>Jason Martin</i>	(8) Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.	<i>JSM</i>	9/2/15
() (X)	Jason Martin	(9) Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.	<i>JSM</i>	9/2/15
() (X)	Jason Martin	(10) Individually Insignificant, but cumulatively significant effects.	<i>JSM</i>	9/2/15
() (X)	Sharisse Fisher	(11) Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations.	<i>Sharisse Fisher</i>	1/27/16

Final Review:

Environmental Coordinator: *Amy Conners*

Date: 11/27/14

This proposed action qualifies as a categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act in accordance with 516 DM 11.9 D(1): Rangeland Management-Approval of transfers of grazing preference.

This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. It has been reviewed to determine if any of the exceptions described in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2, apply.


The action does not have significant adverse effects on public health and safety nor does the action adversely affect such unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources, parks, recreation, or refuge lands, wilderness areas, wild or scenic rivers, sole or principal drinking water aquifers, prime farmlands, wetlands, floodplains, or ecologically significant or critical areas, including those listed on the Department's National Register of Natural Landmarks. The action does not have highly controversial environmental effects nor have highly uncertain environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risk nor does it adversely affect a species listed or proposed to be listed on the list of endangered or threatened species. It does not establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about a future consideration with significant environmental effects or related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects. The proposed action does not adversely affect properties listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places or threaten to violate a Federal, State, local or tribal law or requirements imposed for the protection of the environment or which require compliance with Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management), Executive Order 11990 (Protection of Wetlands) or the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act.

Mitigation Measures/Stipulations:

No mitigation measures or stipulations are warranted in this transfer.

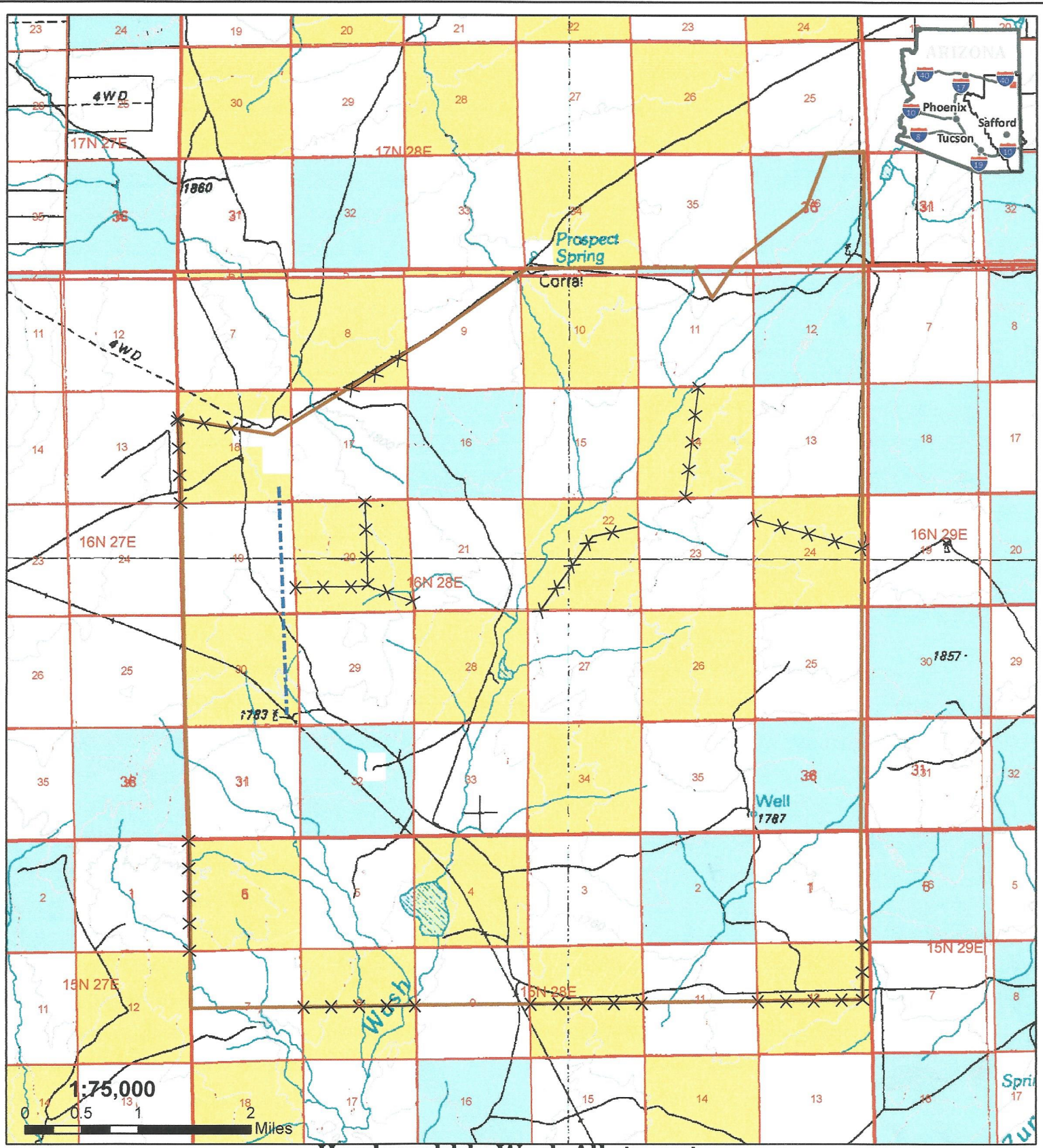
Part III: DECISION. I have reviewed this plan conformance and NEPA compliance record and have determined that the proposed action does not conflict with major land-use-plans and will not have any major adverse impacts on other resources. Therefore, it does not represent an exception, and is categorically excluded from further environmental review. It is my decision to implement the project, as described, with the mitigation measures attached.

Authorized Official:



Date:

1/29/16



Hardscrabble Wash Allotment



- Long_H_Pipeline_4270
- Surface Management
- Private
- Hardscrabble_Fence_0897
- Hardscrabble_Fence_0901
- Hardscrabble_Wash_Allotment
- GCDB Sections - 2011
- GCDB Townships - 2011
- BLM
- State



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